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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: THAT my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; THAT I verily believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: Pet Hygiene Management Apparatus and Method of the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial
No. _____ and was amended on _____
(if applicable).
- ☐ is amended in the attached Amendment.

THAT I do not know and do not believe that this invention was every known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application;

THAT the invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America for more than one year prior to this application;

THAT this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application;

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above;

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR section 1.56; and

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THAT applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery which have been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America are as follows (leave blank if none):

(a) none filed more than 12 months prior hereto, unless identified here: _____, or

(b) earliest filed less than 12 months prior hereto, the priority of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The foreign application(s) on which priority is claimed is: _____; and other foreign applications having filing dates earlier than the application(s) on which priority is claimed are as follows: _____

And I hereby appoint, as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent; individually and collectively:

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I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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January 30, 1997

Date:

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))--INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention entitled Pet Hygiene Management Apparatus and Method

described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
☐ application serial number _____, filed _____
☐ patent number _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below: *

- ☒ No such person, concern, or organization
☐ Persons, concerns or organizations listed below *

*Note: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27)

NAME None

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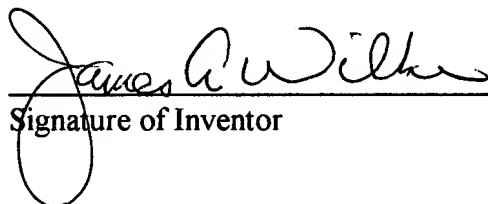
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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